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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE - MOROCCAN HELP TO
ZAIRE

1. THERE ARE CONFLICTING REPORTS ABOUT MOROCCAN INTENTION
TO SEND TROOPS TO ZAIRE. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS
BEEN PREPARED FOR USE ON IF ASKED BASIS ONLY IN CASE
SUCH AN EVENTUALITY SHOULD ARISE.

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2. Q: THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE
MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE TROOPS TO HELP QUELL
THE INVASION. DOES THE UNITED STATES APPROVE OF THIS
ACTION? DID THE UNITED STATES PROPOSE IT? WAS THE
UNITED STATES INFORMED OF THE MOROCCAN INTENTION AHEAD
OF TIME?

A: WE HAVE REPORTS THAT MOROCCAN TROOPS WILL BE GOING TO ZAIRE AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE. THE US DID NOT PROPOSE ANY SUCH ACTION, AND WAS NOT INFORMED BEFOREHAND. THIS WOULD REFLECT A DECISION OF ONE SOVEREIGN AFRICAN COUNTRY TO COME TO THE ASSISTANCE OF ANOTHER ONE FACED WITH AN INVASION ACROSS ITS BORDERS.

3. Q: WILL THE UNITED STATES FUND ANY OF THE MOROCCAN EXPENSES IN ZAIRE?

A: WE HAVE NOT BEEN ASKED, AND THEREFORE IT IS A HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION.

4. Q: DO YOU KNOW IF THE MOROCCAN TROOPS ARE ARMED WITH U.S. WEAPONS? IF SO, IS THIS NOT A VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF THEIR SALE?

A: WE ARE PRESENTLY TRYING TO DETERMINE THE FACTS OF THE SITUATION.

5. Q: HOW WILL THE INFUSION OF OTHER AFRICAN TROOPS AFFECT THE NIGERIAN MEDIATION EFFORT?

A: IF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE FELT IT NECESSARY TO REQUEST MOROCCAN TROOPS THIS WOULD ONLY UNDERSCORE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION AND THE IMPORTANCE AND URGENCY OF THE NIGERIAN MEDIATION EFFORT WHICH WE SUPPORT.

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